

- ✓ Page 2, line 27, please delete "This objective is achieved by a felt with the characteristics given in Claim 1."
- ✓ Page 7, line 17, please insert the heading -- Brief Description of the Figures --.
- ✓ Page 7, line 27, please insert the heading -- Detailed Description of the Invention --.

In the Claims:

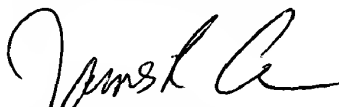
Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized in that monofilaments (110) used to form the twisted structure have a diameter in the range from 0.1 mm to 0.9 mm.
9. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized in that the twisted structure (10) has a mean outside diameter in the range from 0.3 mm to 1.0 mm.
10. (Amended) Felt according to claim 1, characterized by a transverse-thread density above 130 transverse threads per 10 cm.

REMARKS

Applicants provide the present Preliminary Amendment concurrent with the filing of the present application to comply with the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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